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- a. The factory was built 30 years ago, at which time the factory was not mechanized; today half the factory has been mechanized. The factory conveyors are 1,500 m long.
- b. The total production is 36,000 pairs of shoes of various colors and qualities per day. The leather is of Soviet origin. Most of the shoes are made with rubber soles. The Council of Ministers (sic) must approve every model to be produced, and the model must be presented three months before approval can be obtained. Each worker produces six to seven pairs of shoes per day. Every scrap of leather must be accounted for; and, if a worker destroys a pair of shoes, he must pay for it.
- c. Two eight-hour shifts are worked per day. The average salary is 1,800 rubles per month, and the lowest salary is 650 rubles for inexperienced help. There are 70 percent women and thirty percent men, the women receiving salaries equal to those of the men. Each worker receives four weeks' paid vacation per year at the expense of the Soviet trade union. There are 120 clerks and 200 engineers and technicians employed at the factory.
- d. The factory has received the Order of Red Banner for its good work and 470,000 rubles every three months for funds for the workers' recreation. There is no commissioner in the factory to check the production.

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2. Singer sewing machines and other machines which had been made in England and Germany were observed by source. Also observed were boys and girls ages 12 to 25 and older women 50 to 60 years old cleaning the floors. The paint on the walls was wet, apparently in preparation for the visit of the conference delegates.

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